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THE TRANSMISSION OF THE RESOLUTIONS.

The Assembly yesterday assumed the responsibility of telegraphing its resolutions on the state of the colony to Mr. Cardwell. There is but one opinion in the community on the subject, and that one endorses fully and unreservedly the action of the House.

The public interest cannot wait for His Excellency Governor Kennedy or the official Council. If these gentlemen are opposed to a union of the colonies based on a cheap and liberal system of Government, let them lay their reasons before Her Majesty's Government; no one attempts to throw any obstacles in their way; but to put forward their dog in the manger policy in this case as they have done in nearly every other is not only to expose themselves to unmerited ridicule, but to the condemnation of the whole community. The facts of the case are correctly put in the resolutions published elsewhere, which passed the House yesterday, in reply to His Excellency's communication.

In the communication Governor Kennedy says: "I apprehend that any resolutions of one branch of the Legislature having for their object a change in the form of Government and union of this colony and British Columbia would be valueless without the concurrence of the other branches of the Legislature, and that I should render myself responsible for the establishment of an irregular and inexpedient precedent by transmitting these resolutions (passed, as I understand, in secret session) without affording the Legislative Council an opportunity of expressing an opinion upon them. I am directed by the instructions laid down for my guidance to accompany all communications entrusted to me for transmission to Her Majesty's Government by such report as their contents may appear to require. This manifestly cannot be done by telegraph. I have now submitted these resolutions to the Legislative Council, and on receiving the opinion of that body will lose no time in transmitting them to my right honorable colleagues in the Secretary of State for the Colonies."

Now in writing this communication His Excellency must have known that the resolutions could not, if sent in the way he prescribes, reach England before the Prorogation of Parliament, and would therefore be utterly useless. The object of the House, as His Excellency very well knew, was to lay the opinion of the representatives of the people before Mr. Cardwell at a time when that opinion might influence the action of the Imperial authorities on the union question, to these colonies' benefit. The telegraph was the only medium by which this could be done, but that was the very medium which His Excellency declared should not be employed. He could not send his own remarks by telegraph. Why not, we should like to know, if it was requisite to send his remarks at all? Is the electric or magnetic means of communication too undignified for so important a personage as the Governor of Vancouver Island? Or is his Excellency struggling with the nightmare which took hold of Mr. Fraser, and made him shudder at the idea of "foreigners and others knowing our affairs," by the transmission of resolutions that had been already published? We can imagine with what anxiety the telegraphic operators in the United States would listen to the State secrets of Vancouver Island—how they would strain their ears to catch the words of Governor Kennedy in compliment of the people and their representatives. The misfortune would be, however, that nine out of ten of the operators would ask who is Governor Kennedy, and where is Vancouver Island.

We cannot help thinking that both the Governor and Council have made themselves in this matter supremely ridiculous. The Governor, because he has shown a nervous anxiety to place the resolutions before his own officials, and the most laughable timidity about sending messages by telegraph, and the Council, because they will be sitting to-day discussing resolutions that are now in New York. Mr. W. A. G. Young and his colleagues will have to content themselves with a little harmless thunder aimed at the Lower House, unless, indeed, they essay the task of proving to the Home Government that they and not the Assembly represent the people of Vancouver Island. This is the idea entertained by the Colonial Secretary, and we have no doubt so astute a statesman must be correct. We are rather of opinion, however, that Mr. Cardwell will think a little differently, and that whether the telegram be informal in itself or sent in an informal way, the unanimous opinion and prayer of the members of the Assembly of Vancouver Island will not, in the present critical state of affairs, be transmitted to Her Majesty's Government in vain.

For Nanaimo.

The Steamer Emily Harris, CAPTAIN FRANK, will sail from Broadrick's Wharf on FRIDAY MORNING, at 9 o'clock, FOR NANAIMO.

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QUERY.

WHICH IS THE INDIAN WHISKY? The Editor of the Press—has petitioned the Legislative Council against the Indian Whisky Bill of June 1866.

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